

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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## WEEK DAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am

Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am

Friday 8.00am

## HOLY HOUR

**EUCHARIST ADORATION**

Monday 8.30am

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am

9.30am

Suspended  
until  
further  
notice

## RECONCILIATION

Please call Fr Mario to arrange a time to meet individually.

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

**Mrs Sandra Di Francesco**

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 3 May 2020 (YEAR A)

**LIVE STREAMED MASS EACH SUNDAY AT 8.30AM**

**Go to Parish Facebook page: *The Little Flower Church Kedron***

**at: <https://www.facebook.com/122441344516988/live/>**

**or Connect via ZOOM using the Meeting ID: 919 0457 4460**

Dear Parishioners,

We have been hearing quite a bit lately in this time of COVID-19 that "we are all in the same boat." While this has some truth, someone commented to me recently that it is better to say that "we are all in the same storm." How true this is! Yes, we are all in the same storm, but we are in different boats. Whether in Australia or elsewhere in the world, some of us are fortunate to be in relatively stable, secure boats, while others are in small canoes being tossed by the waves. Some have been fortunate to maintain their employment while others have lost it, some have good health systems while others have little access to medical care, some have family and friends nearby while others were alone before COVID-19 and now are even more isolated. Dear friends, we are all suffering to some degree - there is no escaping it - but can we count our blessings and continue to hold in prayer those who are facing our shared storm in more perilous boats. May the Lord who once made the wild Sea of Galilee to be calm, also calm our hearts when they become agitated, and trust that He will bring us all safely through our current storm.

*Fr Mario ofm*

"When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger,  
Full shelves at the store,  
Conversations with neighbours,  
A crowded theatre,  
Friday night out,  
The taste of communion,  
A routine check-up,  
The school rush each morning,  
Coffee with a friend,  
The stadium roaring,  
Each deep breath,  
A boring Tuesday,  
Life itself.  
When this ends, may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be,  
we hoped to be,  
and may we stay  
that way — better for each  
Other because of the worst."  
By *Laura Kelly Fanucci*

**Prayer for a Pandemic** by Dr. Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who have no work.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close,

remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market,  
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

## PHONE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Our Phone Circle of Support is up and running. If you know anyone who would like to receive a call, or if you would like a call yourself, please let us know through the Parish Office. Before anyone is called, we will first obtain their permission to give their number to a caller.

**THANK YOU to all who have already volunteered to be callers!**



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**A Reflection** ...I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.

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## **Historical Context**

### **A line of shepherds**

*When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to 'shepherd' their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.*

## **Please note ...**

1. Fr Mario has been live-streaming and uploading Mass every Tues, Thurs and Fri at 1.15pm. This can be viewed on the UQ Catholic Chaplaincy Facebook Page found at: <https://www.facebook.com/uqcatholicchaplaincy/live/>
2. Fr Mario is available (as always) for anyone who feels the need for support or to simply share their experience, in the current situation. This can be over the phone, or if preferred, at the parish office. Please don't hesitate to call as needed.
3. Please feel welcome to send us any intention you would like our Parish and the Friars to pray for.
4. We are looking at having a Q&A or FAQ online session about anything related to Catholic life, faith, spirituality etc - just send your questions and we will find a way to respond. Any suggestions about this??
5. As well as our **Phone Circle of Support**, we have established a **Little Flower Care and Concern Group**. See below ...

## **Little Flower Care and Concern**

Dear Parishioners,

We have now begun a **Care and Concern Group** for our Parish Community. Can You Help please?

Please let us know if you are able to cook a meal, provide transport, do some grocery shopping, or mow the lawn of someone in our community who is in need of assistance due to age or illness. We have already had some volunteers - thank you!

Do You Need Help? Or Know Someone Who Does?

Please contact us if you, or someone you know of, is in need of practical assistance and has no way to obtain it.

**Email:** [littleflowercareandconcern@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowercareandconcern@gmail.com)

**Jo Galvin 0423 053 043, Liz Feltrin 0408 555 693, Or contact us via Sandra in the Parish Office ph. 3357 6640**

## MASS COLLECTIONS *PLEASE* . . .

Our Parish continues to function while public Masses are suspended. Fr Mario continues to celebrate Mass and perform his parish ministry, and Sandra remains working full-time in the Parish Office.

*If you are in a position to do so, please continue to make a weekly offering to both Collections. This is how:*

**For the FIRST Collection** which supports the Friars and their work, please try the new **Parish Giving Portal** located on our Website or in the email containing the Sunday Mass link. Or you can continue making offerings directly to the Parish Office or using **Direct Deposit** (see below).

**For the SECOND Collection** which all goes towards Parish expenses, please continue using your **Envelopes, Direct Debit, or Direct Deposit** (see below).

For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname and Envelope No. (if you have one) in the Reference field. It will be presumed that you wish your deposit to be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections. If not, please email the office your preferred allocation.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish**

BSB: **064 786**

Account Number: **006 641 100**

Bank: CBA Reference:

**1st Initial & Surname & Envelope Number**

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If you use **Direct Debit**, we would appreciate you continuing this practice and perhaps review your contribution if appropriate. **This amount all goes to the parish.**

If you have any enquiries or wish to join Direct Debit Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office for the required forms. Thank you!

## PARISH GIVING PORTAL

The Archdiocese has established a **Parish Giving Portal**. Dear Parishioners, **can you please use this portal for our First Collection** which has significantly reduced since Sunday Mass has been suspended. Please look at the last page of this newsletter for a Step by Step Guide on how to use it. Thank you for your help. Fr. Mario

## LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish Meditation Group which usually meets every Friday at Delamore is going online.

Current members of the group, as well as any newcomers, are welcome to join each session. To do so, please download the free ZOOM app onto your phone, tablet or computer and join the meeting. Details are:

**Meeting Time: Every Friday morning, at 9.00 am**

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 987 5236 9988**



After consulting Fr Mario, Sr Catherine White and members of the St. Anthony's School Board, we have decided to **postpone** the *Back to St Anthony's* celebration scheduled for **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. We are very disappointed about this but it would have been impossible to run the event with the current restrictions around large gatherings of people and the need for social distancing. At this stage, we believe that setting an alternative date later this year could be problematic. With this in mind, we are looking at moving the whole celebration to the same weekend in 2021. i.e. **Sunday, 13 June 2021**. This date will be perfect as it is the actual Feast of St. Anthony's of Padua. Please mark this date in your calendar and we will confirm the details when we can. I would encourage you to contact the school office if you had dropped off any items of memorabilia and would like to collect them - otherwise we will store them securely until 2021. **Martin Wilkie, Principal**

## PARISH COMMUNICATION

1. Currently the Catholic Leader is free to view online at: [www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au)
2. Please visit our parish *Facebook Page* – **The Little Flower Church Kedron** for the most up to date news. **Each Sunday at 8.30am, we will Live-stream and upload Mass that you can view on this Facebook page. Just click on this link:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/122441344516988/live/>

**Or visit our Parish Webpage:**

<https://www.kedroncatholicparish.org.au/>

where the parish newsletter is available under **NEWS** every week. If you click on the Facebook Icon at the top of the website homepage, it will take you directly to our Facebook Page. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view it.

If you know someone who is not on our mailing list but who wants to receive digital updates, please invite them to contact our parish office (3357 6640 or email: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)) to give us their contact details.

3. The newsletter is also available at the front of the parish church. A long bench has also been placed there if you wish to spend time in personal prayer.

Please pray for our recently deceased: **Denice Byrne, Irene Sherman**

and those whose

Anniversaries occur now: **Frankie McAnally Sullivan, Rocco Raineri, Peter Moran**

*WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.*



We truly appreciate all items that you donate to assist local people doing it tough. Last year, your Kedron Little Flower conference made more than 350 home visits, most requiring food assistance. Any items that you generally buy for your own household will be useful and appreciated but, in response to questions about the items we commonly run low on, see the following list:

Breakfast cereals	Pasta sauces	Tinned vegetables and beans	Coffee – smaller bottles	Tinned baked beans, spaghetti
Long-life or Powdered milk	Pasta	Tinned salmon, tuna etc.	Toilet paper and Toiletries of all sorts	Rice
Spreads e.g. jam, vegemite	Noodles	Soup	Meal in a tin options e.g. stews	Tea

.... and any clean plastic shopping bags cluttering up your car or kitchen we can also put to good use!

### Police Check and BlueCard's and other associated forms have been simplified!

There is a new portal for registration of volunteers.

The Welcome Portal can be accessed via

<http://archbne.org/welcome>.

In the portal, volunteers will be asked to enter personal information and volunteer position details which will automatically prepopulate forms to be signed.

**If you have not completed forms yet and are involved in ministry**

**PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.**

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra in the office.

All volunteers, whether directly or indirectly involved with children and vulnerable adults, are required to view a 25 minute video presentation, as part of our compliance with the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policy. It can be viewed at:

[safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html](http://safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html)

Go to the Safeguarding Training Tab at the top of the page. Click. Scroll down the page past "Safeguarding Essentials Preparation (Level 1)" to "**Safeguarding Induction**". Click on the arrow to play the video. On conclusion. Please print off and sign the PDF version of the "Certificate of Completion", and email (or return original to the Parish Office). For convenience, certificates may be placed into an addressed envelope marked "SAFEGUARDING" and placed in the collection plate at any mass.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**



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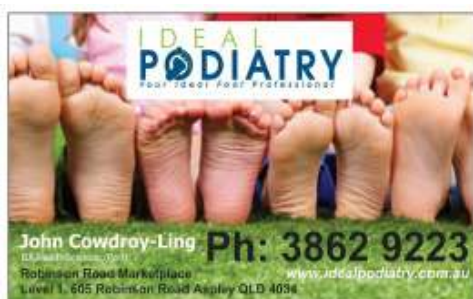
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# HOW TO SETUP AND USE THE "PARISH GIVING" APP

## Set up Step 1



Once the app is downloaded you can open the app and it will take you to the login screen.

For first time users at the bottom of the login screen click on "New user? Create Account" this will take you to the registration screen.

## Set up Step 2

Input your details and press "Continue" to finalise your setup

## Set up Step 3

Create your 4 digit access pin for security access. You will be required to input this pin each time you access the app. Once input you will be automatically taken to the home screen.

## Set up Step 4

As part of the home screen you will be able to search for your Parish. Once found click on the heart and this will have your Parish saved as a favourite. Next time you wish to give to your favourite Parish simply click on "Favourite Parish" and those selected will be displayed. (You can select multiple Parishes as part of your favourites list)

## Set up Step 5

On the Home Page at the top left beside the Parish Giving logo is a three line icon, click on the icon and you will be taken to the main menu.

Under the main menu you will have:

- Parishes (Taken you back to the home page)
- Events
- My Profile
- Cards
- Giving History
- At the bottom you can logout of the app

## Set up Step 6

### Parishes :

You can:

- Find your nearest Parish.
- Find a Parish (Search capabilities for a Parish)
- Access your selected favourite Parish or Parishes

### Events :

This is where you can find any event occurring.

## Set up Step 7

### My Profile :

You can change your personal details

- Change your email address
- Change Password
- Change Pin
- Update Phone details
- Update Address
- Parish Giving Privacy Policy (ADP)

## Set up Step 8

### Cards :

Input your card / giving details.  
The Parish Giving app accepts MasterCard and Visa card, Credit and Debit Cards.  
Any card details input to the application are completed under security industry standards to the highest level with no card details ever held as part of the application. Ensuring your personal details are protected at all times.  
Once your card details are input you can now start giving to your Parish.